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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Storage Capacity
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country faces huge shortage of storage capacity as the existing godowns and warehouses have failed to keep pace with the rising production and procurement of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether several companies from other countries have shown interest and offered a helping hand in building foodgrains storage capacity in the country and if so, the details thereof and the response of Government in this regard;
(c) the details of FCI godowns constructed in the last two years under PEG scheme;
(d) the details of modern silos constructed or in progress in the last two years; and
(e) whether the Government has any data regarding the hiring of private warehouses to keep the foodgrains and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): No, Madam. On the basis of peak stock requirement during procurement season, the overall storage capacity required in the country is about 600 Lakh MT. Against this, the total capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies for storage of foodgrains as on 28.02.2017 was 776.25 lakh MT. Thus, on the overall, there is sufficient capacity for storage of foodgrains in the country.
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The peak stock requirement generally happens on 1st June every year. The trend of peak stock on 1st June and the corresponding storage capacity available during the last four years is given as below:
(Fig. in Lakh MT)
Date
Storage capacity owned by FCI
Storage capacity hired by FCI
Storage capacity with State agencies
Total Storage capacity
Stock position
01.06.13
156.33
240.69
354.28
751.30
676.59
01.06.14
156.47
226.58
375.47
758.52
622.31
01.06.15
153.42
215.33
357.68
726.43
568.34
01.06.16
154.15
208.32
449.47
811.94
534.29
(b): No, Madam. The Government has not received any proposal from any company of foreign countries to build foodgrains storage capacity in the country.
(c): During the year 2008, Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) Scheme was formulated to augment the storage capacity in the country. The FCI Godowns constructed in the last two years and the current year is as given below:-
(Figures in Lakh MT)

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2014-15
2015-16
2016-17
(upto 28.02.2017)
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8.30
6.46
2.56
(d): Government has approved an action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 Lakh MT in 3 phases as per details given below:
Year
Selection of Silo Operator (LMT)
Silo Completion (LMT)
2016-17
36.25 LMT (Phase − 1)
5 LMT
2017-18
29.00 LMT (Phase − 2)
15 LMT
2018-19
34.75 LMT (Phase − 3)
30 LMT
2019-20
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50 LMT
Total
100 LMT
100 LMT
Against the above plan, Silo Operator for 37.5 LMT have been selected at 72 locations and silos of capacity 4.5 LMT at 9 locations have been completed during last two years as on 28.02.2017.
(e): Yes, Madam. The details of storage capacities hired by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to keep foodgrains during last three years are given below:-
(Fig. in Lakh MT)
Scheme
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
Private warehouses hired for short term requirement
16.79
13.43
12.35
Warehouses hired by FCI from Private parties on long term basis
64.23
86.32
98.01
Silos hired by FCI from Private parties on long term basis
5.50
5.50
5.50
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